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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Atty. Dkt.: 1769-95

Date: August 30, 2001

Attached for filing is the patent application of:
Inventor: Brian MOZELACK et al
Entitled: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING MELT-BLOWN FILTER CARTRIDGES HAVING MELT-BLOWN CORE ELEMENTS, AND THE FILTER CARTRIDGES FORMED THEREBY
and including attachments as noted below:

☐ Newly executed Declaration,☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract
42 pages of specification and claims (including 63 numbered claims), and
20 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.
☐ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.
☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.
☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..
☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.
☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior appln. no. _____ filed _____
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--
☒ Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application is a ☐ continuation/☒ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/358,886, filed July 22, 1999, which is a CIP of Application No. 09/281,320 filed March 30, 1999, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--
☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.
☒ The prior application is assigned to USF Filtration & Separations, Inc..
☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. **A PTO-1449 is also attached listing the citations. Please initial, date and return a copy of the PTO-1449. Pursuant to Rule 98(d), copies of the listed citation shave not been provided.**
☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.
☒ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:
Please cancel claims 1-11 and 45-63.
☐ Also attached:☐ **Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:**

FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED

Basic Filing Fee						$	710.00
Total effective claims	37	- 20 (at least 20) =	17	x $ 18.00		$	306.00
Independent claims	4	- 3 (at least 3) =	1	x $ 80.00		$	80.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add $270.00 (ignore improper)						$	270.00
					SUBTOTAL	$	1366.00
If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract						-$(	0.00)
					SECOND SUBTOTAL	$	1366.00
Assignment Recording Fee ($40.00)						$	0.00
					TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED	$	1,366.00

Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension.
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any <u>deficiency</u> in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140.** A <u>duplicate</u> copy of this sheet is attached.

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